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1. Withdrawal plan forwarded in reference, approved for planning purposes pending final decision on or about 31 Oct.

2. The Secretary of Defense in reviewing your plan questioned the advisability of creating special holding units if their only purpose is for withdrawing individual advisors and headquarters personnel.

3. The JCS requests you develop and forward a detailed public affairs plan treating the withdrawal as a package operation. The plan should impress on US and foreign public that:

a. The GVN is making progress against the VC.

b. Through the US Military Assistance effort

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and the willingness of the Vietnamese to combat communism, the RVN military, in a short time, have been trained successfully to assume the functions of certain US units thereby permitting their withdrawal. (Special emphasis should be given to support units.)

c. US combat support units were sent to RVN to assist the government in fighting communism; now that RVN units have been trained to carry on their own war against the communist guerrilla, a portion of the US forces is being withdrawn in accordance with this Nation's policy regarding assistance to developing nations.

4. Manpower spaces to be deleted from MAAG Vietnam and USMACV JTDs should be identified and submitted as soon as practicable after the decision is made to conduct the withdrawal. Gp-4.

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